



The Kentucky Board of Respiratory Care is a Government Agency that regulates respiratory care practitioners and their services. The KBRC was established in 1990 to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky from unsafe practitioners and practices.

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The KBRC is now on Facebook



The 2019 KBRC Renewal will begin on November 1, 2018

The 2019 Renewal link will open on November 1, 2018. Go to our website <http://kbrc.ky.gov> on Nov. 1, 2018 and ending midnight EST. Jan. 30, 2019.

All CEUs must be completed by December 31, 2018. If you obtain CEUs in January 2019 you could incur a penalty. For more information on ceus and fees please review 201:KAR 29:050 continuing education and 201 KAR 29:015 Fees. You will find the links under "Laws and Regulations" on our website.

We encourage you to process your online renewal The fee for renewal is \$90.00 + \$5 processing fee. You may use any credit card. Please make sure that we have your correct name and current address on file. Incorrect addresses could delay your renewal.

Upon completion of the online renewal, you may print your new I.D. card as well as a receipt before you exit the site. Therapists who wish to renew by mail must print a renewal form from the KBRC website to renew. Audits will be mailed requesting copies of your 24 CEUs late in January 2019. Remember, any felony or misdemeanor, credit card denial, insufficient funds, outdated CEUs, defaulted KHEAA loan or a natural disaster may delay your renewal process. We request that you take care of your renewal and CEUs early to prevent problems.

Message from the Executive Director

Tamara McDaniel, RRT

As we prepare for the 2019 renewals, we receive an increase in the number of calls regarding the KBRC, NBRC and AARC. In fielding these calls it is apparent that there is an ongoing confusion regarding the role that each of these play in the practice of Respiratory Care. The role of the Board of Respiratory Care (KBRC) is to protect the public through the regulation of Respiratory practice, education and licensure. The role of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC), and its state affiliate the Kentucky Society for Respiratory Care (KSRC), is to promote the Respiratory profession, engage in advocacy, lobby the legislature for changes in the law and set the standards for Respiratory practice. The National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) is the agency that awards the credentials based on competency standards. The NBRC provides examinations that prove knowledge and competency. The credentials they award are the minimum standard for licensure in Kentucky.

While both the regulatory body (KBRC) and the professional association (KSRC) have similar goals, to have a Respiratory workforce of competent and safe practitioners, the way that they achieve these goals are quite different. The KSRC is membership based and serves the practitioners. They promote the profession by setting standards of practice, providing quality education and advocating for advancement of Respiratory Therapists.

The KBRC is a state government agency and the regulatory body for Respiratory Therapists. The KBRC's sole mission is to protect the public. This is achieved by setting the requirements for obtaining and maintaining licensure, setting continuing education requirements, investigating complaints against Respiratory Therapists and taking disciplinary actions if necessary. The way in which we achieve this is set forth in the law regulating Respiratory Care, Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) 314A.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call. We are more than happy to help.





Changes coming to the NBRC Continuing Competency Program.

According to the NBRC's Horizons newsletter, published for the 2nd quarter of 2018, changes are coming to the NBRC Continuing Competency Program. "The new program is intended to strengthen the relationship between competencies of credential holders and the evolving competency expectations linked to those credentials" according to the newsletter.

Therapists who have achieved an NBRC credential since July 1, 2002 participate in the continuing competency program. Aside from changing the name to Credential Maintenance Program (CMP), the credentialed therapist will see changes to the way that they can maintain their credential. The newsletter explains, "Currently, a practitioner has three options to document that he or she remains competent:

- Achieving another NBRC credential
- Documenting 30 continuing education credits earned within the last five years
- Passing the credentialing examination again

These program requirements will remain, but an annual competency assessment will be integrated over the next few years. These assessments may be completed online from a mobile device or a personal computer and may be completed in one session or multiple sessions."

The program is set to be implemented in 2019.

For more information on the changes to the Continuing Competency Program, visit the NBRC website at www.NBRC.org or call the NBRC at 913-895-4900.



KBRC Requirements on Continuing Educational Units for Renewal

The KBRC cannot accept CEUs which were obtained after Dec. 31 for use during the renewal cycle. Please see KAR 29:050 - Regulation on continuing education Section 2, Accrual of Continuing Education Units Mandatory; Computation of Accrual for details.

The CEUs offered by a provider must have been approved by the AARC or by the KBRC. If you have completed a course that has not been approved by the AARC or the KBRC, you may request approval from us. Go to our website <https://kbrc.ky.gov> , click on the Continuing Education link and follow the instructions under "Submitting CEU for Approval". Contact the board if you have questions about CEU acceptance.

Frequently Used CEU's - This is not a complete listing

ACLS- 10

PALS- 10

NRP- 8

STABLE- 7

Instructor courses for ACLS, PALS, BLS, NRP- 10 (These courses are for use ONLY when becoming an instructor)

HIV / AIDS -2 *This is not a requirement for obtaining licensure renewal.

NBRC Credential Exams -for the first time takers only

RRT- 4

ACCS- 10

CPFT- 2

RPFT- 2

NPS- 4

SDS- 4

The NBRC requires anyone who obtained a credential after July 1, 2002 to renew that credential. If you take an exam to renew a credential you may count that exam for the following CEUs:

CRT- 10

RRT-15

ACCS-10

RPFT- 10

CPFT- 10

NPS- 10

SDS- 10

Other credentialing exams:

RPSGT- 4

AE-C- 4



With Deepest Sympathy

The Kentucky Board of Respiratory Care would like to extend our condolences to the family and co-workers of Jennine Petrey, who passed away on Monday September 17, 2018. Jennine was a longtime therapist who was licensed with this board in 1992. She was an employee of Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center in Mt. Vernon. Jeff Smithern, Director of Respiratory Care issued the following statement:

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of Mrs. Jennine Petrey, a valued employee at Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center for 27 years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Petrey's family and friends during this extremely difficult time as they mourn her loss. A memorial service for staff and patients of Rockcastle Regional Hospital is currently being planned in her honor."

Reminder to Update Address

If you have moved since your last renewal, be sure to notify the KBRC before the 2019 renewal cycle begins. It is a required by law to update your address within 20 days.

201 KAR 29:020 (15) describes unethical and unprofessional conduct as, "Not informing the board in writing of any changes to the licensee's permanent address or place of employment within twenty (20) days"

Incorrect addresses could prevent you from renewing online.



Disciplinary Actions

Revocations:

Chad Rickman	#4449	Effective Date : 7/14/2017
Brandi Conaway	#7448	Effective Date: 2/15/2018
Paul Elliott	#5647	Effective Date: 6/19/2018
Timothy Cassity	#1526	Effective Date: 8/16/2018





The KBRC website can help you find answers regarding your licensure, scope of practice, continuing education and verification questions. You may contact us at: (859) 246-2747 Fax: (859) 246-2750 with questions or inquiries.

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If you want to file a complaint or address an issue of concern to the Board, submit a written statement with as much detail as possible including your name, names involved in the complaint or issue, phone numbers and summary of your complaint and mail to the KBRC office at the address below.

Attention: Tamara G. McDaniel, Executive Director.



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